

THANKING OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great service to our Nation being performed by our men and women in uniform. The service men and women of the Third Infantry Division from Ft. Stewart, Georgia, are among those who have been called to duty in order to promote freedom. Following the proud and valiant tradition of their predecessors who earned the names "Iron Fist" and "Rock of the Marne," these men and women are standing at the forefront of our forces deployed in the Persian Gulf region. Their mission is to return liberty to the people of Iraq and to secure freedom and safety to all those under the shadow of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

The Third Infantry Division is the most rapidly deployable armored division in the United States Army. The Third Infantry led the way in our efforts in Iraq 12 years ago. Today, a new group of young Americans wear the division patch and stand in the Kuwaiti sand fighting on behalf of our country.

The men and women not only drive, but and maintain and organize, the tanks, the Howitzers, and the helicopters of the Third Infantry Division representing the highest traditions of the United States Army. As a neighbor of these fine soldiers from Ft. Stewart, I am proud to offer the thanks of the American people whom they are fighting to protect.

SUPPORTING RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE AND PROTEST

(Mrs. JONES, of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the pleasure of leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag on behalf of this Congress. This morning I stand again as a strong patriot. I say on behalf of all of the people of the United States of America, to the military troops across this world who are fighting on our behalf, thank you.

I have said prayers day after day and as late as this morning on their behalf and that of their families. But as a patriot, I still think I have the ability and right to step up and say I think this war is not what we should be engaged in. I support the Presidency, I support the troops, but I also support the right to speak out, to assemble and protest.

Mr. Speaker, I say to the American public and those across the world that there are those of us who believe we should not be engaged in war; but those across the borders working on our behalf, we hold them in high esteem, and pray that they will return home safely.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA TEAMS COMPETING IN MARCH MADNESS

(Ms. CARSON, of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the five Indiana teams competing in March Madness.

Mr. Speaker, for many, this is the best sporting day of the year, the commencement of "March Madness." I rise to congratulate the five teams from the State of Indiana; IUPUI, Butler University, Indiana University, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame for their advancement to compete in the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

As some of you may know, the NCAA Headquarters and the Hall of Champion is located in my hometown of Indianapolis. I wish to commend Myles Brand on an excellent job as the NCAA president.

The Butler Bulldogs, coached by Todd Lickliter, were winners of the Horizon League's regular-season crown, ending the season with a 25–5 record. This earned them an at-large bid to the tournament. Congratulations of Coach Lickliter and the Bulldog players for their outstanding season. I wish the Bulldogs good luck as they face the No. 5 seed of the East bracket, Mississippi State, this Friday.

Indiana University of Bloomington, IN, the runner-up of last years championship, has also advanced to the NCAA Championship. Congratulations to Coach Mike Davis and the Hoosiers, who will play the 10th seeded Alabama Crimson Tide this Friday.

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of the Indiana schools competing in the NCAA tournament. You have made us proud!

I especially want to congratulate IUPUI and Butler University which reside in my hometown of Indianapolis.

Congratulations to Coach Ron Hunter who led the IUPUI Jaguars to a 66–64 victory over the Valparaiso Crusaders, earning an automatic bid to the tournament as champions of the Mid-Continent Conference. I would also like to congratulate the Jaguar players for their excellent performance and wish them luck as they take on the No. 1 seed of the Midwest bracket, Kentucky this Friday.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today in this troubled world, many of us are moved to prayer and sober reflection. We lift up our voices for the safety of America's sons and daughters bravely executing their orders in the Persian Gulf, for the many innocent civilians who join them in harm's way, for the many patriots for peace in this country, may they express their well-justified concerns in ways that unite more Americans in our shared concern for humanity, rather than acting in ways that reinforce fear and alienation.

Our democracy is stronger when it respects the views of all people.

"I normally, and I still do, support our military and the fine work they are

doing. . . . But I cannot support a failed foreign policy." [House floor speech, April 28, 1999] Those words of the Republican Majority Leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), during the Kosovo military action have never been more appropriate than today.

While many can be certain to take credit for the swift military victory that may ensue, this Administration must also accept responsibility for the cost of conflict in blood, in money, and insecurity to our families. It may take decades to undue the damage to our safety wrought by misguided policies and failed diplomacy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on approving the Journal and on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

On the Journal, de novo;

H.R. 1307, by the yeas and nays; and H. Res. 132, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 373, nays 49, answered "present" 2, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 75]

YEAS—373

Abercrombie	Bell	Bono
Ackerman	Bereuter	Boozman
Akin	Berkley	Boswell
Alexander	Berman	Boucher
Andrews	Berry	Boyd
Baca	Biggart	Bradley (NH)
Bachus	Bilirakis	Brady (TX)
Baird	Bishop (GA)	Brown (SC)
Baker	Bishop (NY)	Brown, Corrine
Ballance	Bishop (UT)	Brown-Waite,
Ballenger	Blackburn	Ginny
Barrett (SC)	Blumenauer	Burgess
Bartlett (MD)	Blunt	Burns
Barton (TX)	Boehlert	Burr
Bass	Boehner	Burton (IN)
Beauprez	Bonilla	Calvert
Becerra	Bonner	Camp